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News Advisory

Representatives from Six Mountain States Meet on eHealth Policy

What: Public and private health Information Technology (IT) policymakers from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah will join Utah Governor, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., in Salt Lake City for the first Federal Region VIII Health IT Roundtable. All participating states will have an opportunity to present their own state's eHealth profile, explain challenges, outline best practice models, and plan for next steps. (eHealth is an emerging field focused on medical information and health care services delivered or enhanced through advanced Internet or related technologies.) National experts from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) will join in the discussion.

Why: This meeting will enable state leaders to discover and share common challenges and opportunities in eHealth; to learn from international, national, and local experts in eHealth; to celebrate eHealth activities in our region; and to establish a mechanism by which the six states can communicate and coordinate health IT efforts.

Who: Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of Utah

Dr. David N. Sundwall, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health

Marshall Ruffin, International Expert on Health IT

Dr. Joseph Cramer, Chair, Utah Digital Health Services Commission

Representatives from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah

When: Friday, May 11, 2007, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Where: Radisson Hotel, Wasatch Conference Room
215 West South Temple
Salt Lake City

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